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FATAL COLLISION NORTH ORACLE ROAD AND EAST WETMORE ROAD

At approximately 10:27 p.m. on November 27, 2013, officers from Operations Division West responded to the intersection of North Oracle Road and East Wetmore Road in order to investigate a report of a traffic collision involving multiple vehicles at that intersection. While on their way to the area, the officers received information indicating that at least one of the persons involved in the accident was suffering from serious injuries. When they arrived, the officers learned that three vehicles had been involved in the collision, and several persons had been seriously injured. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department also responded to the scene of the collision. They ultimately transported 5 adults to a local hospital with injuries ranging from minor to life threatening.

On the late evening of November 27, 2013, detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene of the collision in order to further the examination into what transpired during the course of the accident. Their preliminary investigation indicated that a 2012 Kia Del Sol was traveling northbound on North Oracle Road just before 10:27 p.m. At that time, northbound traffic on North Oracle Road was stopped for a red signal light. The 2012 Kia Del Sol passed other vehicles that were stopped for the red signal light, passing them using the right turn lane. The vehicle then proceeded into the intersection against the red signal light. As the Kia Del Sol was driving this route, a 2006 Suzuki Aerio was westbound in the inside left turn lane of East Wetmore Road, preparing to turn southbound onto North Oracle Road. A 2000 Honda Accord was also traveling westbound. The Honda Accord was in the outside left turn lane, also preparing to turn left to drive southbound on North Oracle Road. When the Kia Del Sol drove into the intersection, it collided with the driver's door of the Suzuki Aerio, effectively "T-boning" the vehicle in the intersection. The impact caused the Suzuki Aerio to rotate, and the rear of the Suzuki Aerio ended up colliding with the driver's door of the Honda Accord. The driver of the Kia Del Sol sustained minor injuries during the course of the collision, but he was able to remain at the scene of the collision. The drivers and passengers of the Suzuki Aerio and Honda Accord, a total of 5 adults, were all taken to the hospital. Unfortunately, the driver of the Suzuki Aerio remained at the hospital and ultimately succumbed to her injuries. She was pronounced deceased on the afternoon of December 8, 2013. She has been identified as Yolanda Ugalde, 55-years old. Next of kin have been notified.

There was no indication that the use of drugs or alcohol was a factor in the collision. No arrests have yet been made in relation to his investigation, and no citations have been issued as of yet. The investigation continues.

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Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 33

7 Pedestrian
3 Bicycle
5 Motorcycle

For 2013 - 41

17 Pedestrian
3 Bicycle
5 Motorcycle

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